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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)

HO-P02216US0

Application Number 09/869,554

Filed December 23, 1999

For METHOD FOR SEQUENCING DNA USING A MICROFLUIDIC DEVICE

Art Unit 1634

Examiner S. A. Sakelaris

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 06-2375. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

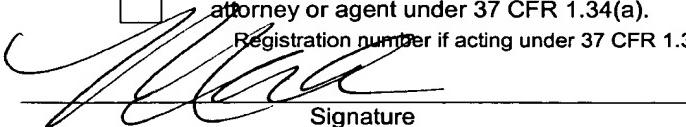
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assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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Three Month Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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